

Colossians 3:16

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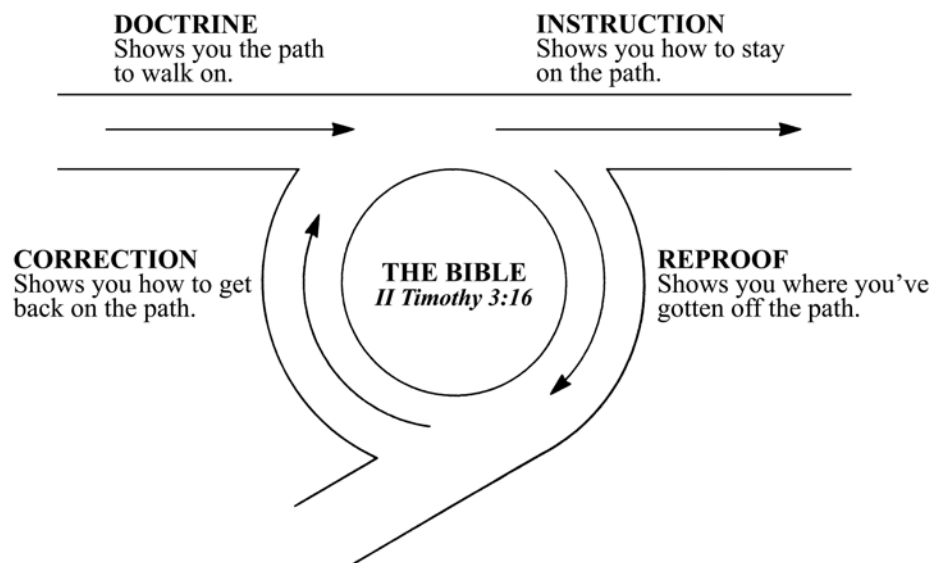
I. Introduction.

II. "We are dead." (Colossians 3:3)

- A. We must put the immoral characteristics that we once had in our life to death.
- B. We are to put off certain things like anger and foul language.
- C. People who live vulgar lives need Christ.

III. "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:16)

- A. The rich spiritual life starts in small portions.
- B. The Bible is the guide of our faith and practice in church.
- C. The Word is our spiritual food and has an application of obedience.
- D. All Scripture is profitable for...



E. The Bible is mostly profitable for things that we do.

- 1. There are people who would defend the Bible but not read it.
- 2. Both must be held in balance.

F. What we must do with God's Word.

- 1. We must hear the Word. (Revelation 2:29)

2. We must read the Word, (Deuteronomy 17)
3. We must study the Word. (Colossians 3:16)
4. We must meditate on the Word. (Joshua 1:8)

G. We need balance with our involvement in the Word. The Bible contains everything we need to know about life and godliness. (Psalm 1)

H. Regular Bible reading results in...

1. Salvation. (1 Peter 1:18, John 5)
2. Personal growth. (1 Peter 2:2-3)
3. Cleansing. We substitute evil thoughts instead of suppress them. (John 15:3, Philippians 4:4)
4. Witnessing. (Ezekiel 2:4)

I. Make provision for the saturation of God's Word in your life. (Ephesians 6)

Application questions

1. How would you defend the statement, Bible reading helps you grow? What Scripture would you use?

2. What result of regular Bible reading strikes you the most? Explain.

3. Which area of engaging the Bible do you find yourself neglecting the most? What will you do to get back into balance?
